



INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to RCW 34.05.328(3), the Employment Security Department (Department) hereby places into the rulemaking file an implementation plan for amended WAC 192-170-010, which addresses availability for work requirements for claimants physically located outside of the United States.

PLAN TO IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE THE RULE

The Department is amending its internal computer systems to accommodate the changes necessary and updating its internal policy and training manuals. When a claimant opens or reopens a claim, all factors regarding the claim, including being located outside of the country, will be assessed in determining eligibility.

PLAN TO INFORM AND EDUCATE AFFECTED PERSONS ABOUT THE RULE

The Department will update the unemployment insurance benefits web page to reflect the rule change. Additionally, the rule changes will be distributed to the Department's rulemaking and policy electronic distribution list.

PLAN TO PROMOTE AND ASSIST VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE

The plan to promote and assist voluntary compliance will be identical to the plan to inform and educate affected persons about the rule.

PLAN TO EVALUATE WHETHER THE RULES ACHIEVE THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THEY WERE ADOPTED

The Department will track the number of claimants that receive and are denied benefits, including claims in which the worker is out of country.
